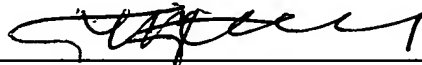


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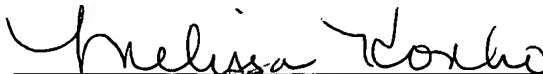
Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 3-19 are allowed.  
Accordingly, no issue remains at bar and the issuance of a  
notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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